Confirmation of Surgeon General.

87. MR. N. DANIEL JOSE: Will the Honourable Minister for Medical be pleased to state the reasons for not confirming Dr. Miss. E. Samuel as Surgeon General?

HON'BLE MR. E. K. MADHAVAN: The question is under the consideration of Government.

Optician in the Eye Hospital.

88. MR. N. DANIEL JOSE: Will the Honourable Minister for Medical be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name of the Optician or Company doing business in the Government Eye Hospital at Trivandrum;

(*b*) how long has he been there;

(*c*) on what basis is an optician permitted to do business in that hospital; and

(*d*) is it open to other opticians also to apply for a place there?

HON'BLE MR. E. K. MADHAVAN. (*a*) There is no such optician or company.

(*b*) (*c*) and (d)In view of the answer to part (a) these do not arise.

Nationalisation of salt industry.

89. MR. N. DANIEL JOSE: Will the Honourable Minister for Excise be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether the question of nationalisation of the salt industry has engaged the attention of the Government;

(*b*) whether Government have come to any decision; and

(*c*) if the answers to parts (a) and (b) are in the negative, will the Honourable Minister be pleased to state the reasons for the same?

HON'BLE MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) In view of the heavy financial commitment to be undertaken by Government for giving effect to nationalisation, details of the scheme are being investigated. Any decision can be arrived at only after seriously considering the various aspects of the question.

Overloading in transport buses.

90. MR. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR (*Trivandrum I—General*): Will the Honourable Minister for Transport be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government is not aware of the overcrowding and overloading in the transport buses;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, do the Government propose to take any action to prevent future overloading and overcrowding; and

(*c*) if the answer to (b) is in the affirmative in how many days will the Government make arrangements to stop the present overloading and overcrowding?

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HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) It is not possible to say definitely in how many days arrangements could be made. It is expected that when the new buses are put on road overloading could be minimised.

Teak Sales.

91. MR. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Will the Honourable Minister for Forests be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether one Mr. John Kuruvilla has been sold 3 lakhs c. ft. of plantation Teak;

(*b*) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative at what rate; and

(*c*) what is the usual rate per c. ft.?

HON'BLE MR. V. O. MARKOS: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (a) of the question.

(*c*) The rates of public auctions have ranged from
Ist, class Rs. 3-14-7 to Rs. 8-3-11.
II Class Rs. 2-5-1 to Rs. 6-9-5.
III Class Rs. 1-11-8 to 3-13-4.
a cubic foot during the last 3 months.

Solicitor-General.

92. MR. S. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Will the Honourable Minister for Law and Order be pleased to state whether Government propose to appoint a Solicitor-General?

HON'BLE MR. A. J. JOHN: No.

ഉപരിപരിശീലനംകഴിഞ്ഞ എൻജിനീയറന്മാർ

93. MR. P. K. KUMARAN ASARI (*Meenachil I—Kammala*): താഴെ പറയുന്നചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക് ബഹുമാനപ്പെട്ട മന്ത്രി സദയം മറുപടി നൽകുമോ?

(എ) പോളിടെക്നിക്കു സംബന്ധിച്ചു കൂടുതൽ പ്രായോഗിക പരിശീലനം സിദ്ധിക്കുന്നതിനു എത്രപേരെ എൻജിനീയറിംഗ് കോളേജിൽനിന്നും ഇംഗ്ലണ്ടിൽ അയച്ചിരുന്നു?

(ബി) പരിശീലനത്തിനുശേഷം തിരിയെവന്നുചേർന്ന എൻജിനീയർമാർ ആരൊക്കെയാണെന്നും അവർ ഇപ്പോൾ എന്തു ജോലിയിൽ ഏർപ്പെട്ടിരിക്കുന്നുവെന്നും പറയാൻ ദയവുണ്ടാകുമോ?

HON'BLE MR. K. R. ELANKATH:

(*a*) Two persons were sent for a period of six months for visiting Polytechnic Institutions in England.

(*b*) Both of them have returned. One of them is working in the Engineering College and the other in the Electrical Department.

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